



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: 1149

George M. GRASS et al.

Group Art Unit: 1631

Application No.: 09/989,533

Examiner: Marjorie A. Moran

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For: METHOD FOR SCREENING AND PRODUCING COMPOUND LIBRARIES

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Director for the U.S. PTO
P.O. Box 1450
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Date: April 2, 2004

Sir:

An Office Action was mailed October 2, 2003. The Office Action is an Election of Species Requirement.

The Office Action requires an election of a species from (a) the GI tract, (b) eye, (c) nose, (d) lung, (e) skin, and (f) brain. Applicants elect (a) the GI tract. All claims 1-20 read on the elected species and claims 1-4, 5-6, 8-13, 15, and 17-20 are generic.

Applicants understand that the search and examination will extend to claims of additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to any non-elected subject matter.

Accordingly, an early examination and an early action on the merits are respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees which may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. **referencing docket number 109904-00067.**

Respectfully submitted,



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